

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the solvent comprises at least one water-insoluble ester of a polycarboxylic acid with an alcohol having at least 4 carbon atoms.
2. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein from 45% to 90% by weight of said solvent comprises an ester of a polycarboxylic acid with an alcohol having at least 4 carbon atoms.
3. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 2, ~~in which~~ wherein from 50% to 80% by weight of said solvent comprises an ester of a polycarboxylic acid with an alcohol having at least 4 carbon atoms.
4. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 2, ~~in which~~ wherein from 55% to 65% by weight of said solvent comprises an ester of a polycarboxylic acid with an alcohol having at least 4 carbon atoms.
5. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ Claims, in which claim 1, wherein said alcohol has from 4 to 20 carbon atoms.
6. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 5, ~~in which~~ wherein said alcohol has from 6 to 10 carbon atoms.

7. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to ~~any one of the preceding~~
~~Claims, in which claim 1, wherein~~ said polycarboxylic acid has from 2 to 4 carboxylic acid groups.

8. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 7, ~~in which~~ wherein
said polycarboxylic acid has 3 or 4 carboxylic acid groups.

9. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to ~~any one of the preceding~~
~~Claims, in which claim 1, wherein~~ said polycarboxylic acid is an aromatic polycarboxylic acid.

10. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 9, ~~in which~~ wherein
said polycarboxylic acid is a benzenopolycarboxylic acid.

11. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 10, ~~in which~~
wherein said benzenopolycarboxylic acid is trimellitic acid.

12. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 11, ~~in which~~
wherein the ester is an ester of trimellitic acid with one or more straight chain saturated C₈-C₁₀
aliphatic alcohols.

13. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 11, ~~in which~~
wherein the ester is tridecyl trimellitate.

14. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 11, ~~in which~~
wherein the ester is an ester of citric acid or acetylcitric acid.

15. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 14, ~~in which~~
wherein said ester is the butyl ester.

16. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to ~~any one of the preceding~~
~~Claims, in which~~ claim 1, wherein said solvent additionally comprises at least one triglyceride of C₈-C₂₀ aliphatic carboxylic acids.

17. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 16, ~~in which~~
wherein said triglyceride is a triglyceride of C₁₀-C₁₈ aliphatic carboxylic acids.

18. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 17, ~~in which~~ wherein
said triglyceride is coconut oil.